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WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

CAMPUS COMMUNICATION

Date: November 17, 1972

To: Members of the Academic Council

From: Madeline Apt, Secretary, Steering Committee

Subject: Agenda of the Academic Council Meeting, Monday, December 4, 1972

The December meeting of the Academic Council is scheduled for Monday, December 4, 1972, in Room 401 of Fawcett Hall at 3:10 p.m.

The agenda is as follows:

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of minutes of November meeting
- III. Report of the President
- IV. Report of the Steering Committee
- V. Reports of Standing Committees
 - A. Curriculum
 - B. Faculty Affairs
 - C. Library
 - D. Student Affairs
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Motion from Agenda Committee regarding faculty meeting times (See Attachment A).
 - B. Proposed Policy Statement on Faculty and Administrative Accountability (See Attachment B).
- VII. New Business
 - A. Resolution from R. Battino regarding Faculty/Staff Swim Period (See Attachment C).
 - B. Course Approvals, Curriculum Committee (See Attachment D).
- VIII. Adjournment

ACADEMIC COUNCIL
December 4, 1972
Minutes

- I. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Pro tem Provost A. P. Spiegel in 401 Fawcett Hall at 3:15 p.m.
- II. The Minutes of the November meeting were approved as presented.
- III. Report of the President, Provost Spiegel reporting.

The administration has virtually completed the revision of this year's total budget. A meeting will be held of all the department chairmen and all other budget officers in the University to discuss the various budget cuts.

Provost Spiegel summarized the Celina situation. Four part-time professors at Celina received termination letters. Martin Mote, on the one hand, was hired three years ago on a contingency contract with the idea of him receiving his Ph.D. degree which he has not done. However, the three women were hired with the understanding that they could only teach freshman composition. More than likely these three will be continued next year; the final decision will come from the English Department.

- IV. Report of the Steering Committee, Mr. Low reporting.

The Steering Committee has been involved in the review of the academic budgets. The Committee has copies of these summaries and are available to any faculty member who wishes to see them.

Mr. Low moved to replace G. Meike with R. Silverman to fill the vacancy on the Faculty Affairs Committee.

Motion passed.

- V. Reports of Standing Committees

- A. Curriculum Committee, Mr. Reece reporting.

The Committee is conducting a general review of the General Education Requirement, which was begun by a subcommittee of the Curriculum Committee last year.

Also, the Committee is studying the question of the four hour course. There is a committee organized out of the Deans' Council that is considering whether to increase and if so, how to increase these courses. Hopefully, by the end of the year the Committee may have some idea as to how this will be done.

B. Faculty Affairs Committee, Mr. Sachs reporting.

The Committee is reviewing the Accountability document.

The idea of organizing a credit union for the faculty did not particularly excite the committee; likewise, they did not care for the idea of joining NCR's credit union. Mr. Sachs pointed out that the interest which credit unions pay is comparable to bank rates, indicating that the credit union would not benefit the faculty to any greater degree.

The Committee is working on the Removal of Tenure Faculty document; a proposal has been presented to the committee for discussion this week.

Mr. Sachs mentioned he had talked to several people who have been fired because of various budget cuts.

The Celina situation was not made known to the Faculty Affairs Committee; the faculty at Celina really do not have any input into the Faculty Affairs Committee but should have so that the committee can be made aware of the branch campus' problems.

C. Library Committee, Mr. Waggener reporting.

Since the feedback on the loan policy of library material has been light, the Committee assumes that the faculty agrees with the Committee's recommendations.

Mr. Ron Frommeyer, the Director of the Library, reported on the fire which occurred Thanksgiving weekend on the bottom floor of Millett Hall. Loss from the fire amounted to approximately \$20,000 worth of contents damaged and another \$3,000 to \$4,000 for damage to the room itself.

D. Student Affairs Committee - No report.

VI. Old Business

A. Motion from Agenda Committee regarding faculty meeting times (See Attachment A of December 4, 1972's Agenda).

Mr. Fritz moved the proposed dates (representing an eleventh day) for the faculty meeting times with the disbanding of all classes be accepted. No spring classes are to be held on the day and time of the meeting so that a quorum (whether this number is 30 or 40 per cent is now under negotiation with the Board of Trustees) could be obtained for conducting the necessary business.

Motion carried.

B. Proposed Policy Statement on Faculty and Administrative Accountability
(See Attachment B of December 4, 1972's Agenda).

The Chair brought up the motion which was on the floor when this document was tabled, which was to delete the words "meet to" in the last line of the second paragraph on Page 2 of the document.

Motion passed.

The Chair then announced that the document with the changes is now on the floor.

Mr. Waggener moved to delete the words "or dismiss him" which are the last words from the last sentence of the last paragraph on Page 1.

Motion carried.

Mr. Evans moved to add the words "who shall constitute a majority of the committee" to be added to the last of the third sentence of Paragraph 2 on Page 3 under the heading "Department Chairman," making the sentence to read as follows:

"The members of the concerned department will elect their representatives to these committees who shall constitute a majority of the committee."

Motion passed.

Mr. Merriam felt the History Department's document is superior to this one in the area of the Department Chairman; thus, he felt that for those departments already having a procedure for systematic review that this departmental policy not apply to those departments.

Mr. Merriam moved to amend this document by adding a sentence after "members of the student body. . . ." to the second paragraph on Page 3 under the section "Department Chairman"; thus, this additional sentence will read as follows:

"This should not be interpreted to be in conflict with any existing departmental policy."

Motion failed.

Mr. Minamyer moved to reword the phrase, "from the student body," in the fourth line of the second paragraph on Page 2 under the heading "Administration" to read instead "from the representative student assembly,"

The Chair interpreted Mr. Minamy's intentions and reworded the motion above to be dropped. Instead, the following sentence should be inserted in the second paragraph on Page 2 after the sentence ending ". . . affiliated faculty. . . ." on Line 12:

"The representatives of the student body would be selected by the representative student assembly."

Motion failed.

Mr. Reece moved to amend the last sentence on Page 1, Paragraph 3, so that it now reads as follows:

"Second, it is to assess the overall effectiveness of fulfilling his responsibilities to the university and to aid in determining his future status with the university."

Motion carried.

Mr. Hess moved to amend Page 2, second sentence "the fourth year" instead of "the third year" thus reading as follows:

"A formal review will be conducted no later than the fourth year of appointment and regularly thereafter for the above-named positions except that the initial review of the position of President will be conducted no later than the fifth year of appointment."

Also on Page 3 under "Department Chairman," Paragraph 3, second sentence "the third year" would be changed to the "fourth year"; thus, the entire sentence would read: "No later than the fourth year of an appointment and regularly thereafter, the Dean will appoint an Advisory Committee for purposes of reviewing performance."

Motion passed.

Mr. Fritz moved that on Page 2 in both Paragraphs 1 and 2 where the first sentence of each paragraph reads "Librarian, and any similar new positions which may be created" be changed to read "Librarian, and all similar positions."

The Chair ruled that the whole document should be referred back to the Committee and be retyped.

Mr. Cross moved the question.

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The amendment carried.

Mr. Reece mentioned that on Page 3 under "Department Chairman," second paragraph, second sentence, the comma after the word "selecting" should be deleted.

The document passed.

- C. Student Appointment to the University Faculty Committees - Added to the December 4, 1972, Agenda).

This item was added to the agenda from the last meeting due to the fact that the Student Senate did not fulfill their deadline of November 30th for appointing representatives to all the committees.

Mr. Low moved that the student representatives to those committees which are appointed by the Academic Council be appointed by the committees themselves for the duration of the 1972-73 academic year. He further moved that the Academic Council recommend that the student representatives to the other University committees be appointed in the same manner.

Mr. Minamyier pointed out that the Student Senate had shown good faith and appointed part of the committee representatives. He asked that this be tabled for one more month.

Mr. Reece moved to table this item until the next meeting.

Motion to table carried.

VII. New Business

- A. Resolution from R. Battino regarding Faculty/Staff Swim Period (See Attachment C of the December 4, 1972, Agenda).

Mr. Low introduced this resolution by reading a statement from Mr. Mohr, the Athletic Director, explaining that a most convenient time for all would be set up.

Mr. Low moved to put this resolution on the floor.

Mr. Merriam moved to amend to direct this to Don Mohr rather than the Athletic Council.

Amendment carried.

The motion (as amended) will come up for a vote before the Academic Council next time.

- B. Course Approvals, Curriculum Committee (See Attachment D of the December 4, 1972, Agenda).

Mr. Reece brought to the Academic Council's attention the fact that the course titles were left off most of the courses on the Attachment D and asked that consideration of these items be tabled until the next meeting.

Thus, this was tabled until the January 1973 meeting.

The Chair acknowledged the seating of Celina's newly elected student representative to the Academic Council.

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.